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1. The Deputy Director of Meszhart (Hungarian-Soviet Navigation Company), was [redacted] in East Germany to negotiate the purchase of an 8,000-ton ship which will be used for trade with the Far East.

2. The Gheorghiu-Dej Shipyard, the former Ganz Shipyard, Budapest, has received an order to build three ships for Poland.

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3. [redacted] the following Soviet ships were reported in transit [redacted] all headed for the Far East: ARALSK, BLAGOVESHCHENSK, and YUZHNO SAKHALINSK. These are three of a total number of eighty ships built (and in the process of construction) at the Gheorghiu-Dej Shipyard in Budapest.

4. Transit [redacted] of the Rumanian ship TRANSYLVANIA, in service on the Odessa, Constanta (Varna), Durazzo and return route, has frequently been noted.

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